

Meeting Minutes
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 20, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Stanley Plizga, and Scott Schermerhorn
Absent: Granville Pennypacker (unexcused), and Laren Armstrong (unexcused)
County: Judith Nothdurft, Joanne Vernon and Sandy Wright
Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. with a roll call of members.

The purpose of this workshop/meeting is to determine items to be included on the agenda for the special joint meeting that is scheduled for March 21, 2013. The West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee and representatives from all MSBU/MSTUs that comprise this unit are invited to the joint meeting to discuss the responsibilities for maintenance of the storm water drainage system within the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit. The meeting is to define the responsibilities for each unit.

- There was discussion regarding storm water maintenance items that were previously but are no longer being performed by the County.
- The Janet Eick Class Action Case No. 95-849 was reviewed and discussed. There was agreement that this document should be used as a base line and expanded upon when defining responsibilities.
- The West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit ordinance was discussed. It was agreed that the ordinances for the various units should be reviewed and that a staff member from the County Attorney's Office should be present at the March meeting to explain previous legal opinions and to answer questions.
- Responsibilities of the various units need to be clearly defined to enable future justifications to be created. Units may be funding projects that are not their responsibility.
- There is no master drainage plan for the whole area, however, there are several plans for different areas within the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit. Members of the committee feel it may be time to create a master drainage plan that encompasses the entire West Charlotte Stormwater Utility's area.
- The chair or vice chair from each unit should be invited to the March meeting to address any concerns within the other units. Documents should be distributed before the March meeting so all units have an opportunity to review and prepare their input.
- Presentation materials for the March meeting should include:
 1. A large map of the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility area
 2. Legal Department should be prepared to present and explain the legal opinion they previously stated and substantiate the Janet Eick class action law-suite.

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- Agenda Items for discussion at the March meeting:
 1. Why, when and under what authority did the County stop doing maintenance on backyard swales/greenbelts?
 2. Who has responsibility for the maintenance of the storm water drainage system within the boundary of the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility?
 3. How does the Janet Eick class action law-suite impact the responsibility for the maintenance of the drainage system within the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility?
 4. What is the procedure to review and update ordinances to properly reflect the responsibilities of each of the MSBUs?
 5. Is there a holistic view of the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility?

- The overall goal is to determine what can be done to allow the County to resume maintenance of the areas that were previously maintained by the County?

The special meeting was confirmed for March 21, 2013 at 10:00a.m., in the B106 Conference Room at the Murdock Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Submitted by:



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